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FOR EUR/WE, EUR/EE AND S/R

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN SEEKING ASYLUM

REF: GENEVA 6667

1. LACK OF TELEGRAMS NOTED IN REFTEL, LEAVES EMBASSY WITH NO BACKGROUND ON SUBJECT CASE. AT THIS POINT WE SEE NO BASIS UPON WHICH WE CAN APPROACH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO REQUEST THEM TO PERMIT ENTRY OF RADU WITHOUT A VALID VISA. IN OUR VIEW THIS IS RIGHTFULLY CASE TO BE HANDLED THROUGH UNHCR CHANNEL WITH ASSISTANCE FROM TUNISION GOVERNMENT, SINCE IT IS LATTER WHICH IS OBLIGING RADU TO LEAVE COUNTRY PRECIPITOUSLY WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER COUNTRY OF HAVEN.

2. WE HAVE TALKED TO UNHCR COMMISSIONER ROME (VON LIPPE) WHO HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ITALIAN ENTRY PERMISSION FOR RADU. VON LIPPE TELLS US THAT ITALIANS ARE INSISTING THAT A FORMAL APPROACH IS NEEDED FROM US GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO THEIR GRANTING RADU VISA TO ENTER ITALY FOR ONWARD REFUGEE

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PROCESSING. IN ABSENCE OF ENTRY AUTHORITY, CURRENT ITALIAN POSITION

IS THAT RADU WILL BE RETURNED TO TUNIS SHOULD HE ARRIVE HERE
AUGUST 21 WITHOUT A VISA.

3. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WE SHALL NOT
APPROACH THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. IN OUR VIEW, RESPONSIBILITY
FOR FINDING HAVEN FOR RADU RESTS WITH UNHCR AND OTHERS. MOTIVATING
FACT IS ITALIAN HARD LINE POSITION ON THIS CASE IS LIKELY DUE TO
NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH TWO RECENT REFUGEE CASES, THE HISTORY OF
WHICH IS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT. BASES ON OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE,
WE ANTICIPATE THAT ITALIANS WOULD REQUIRE PRIOR U.S. COMMITMENT
TO ACCEPT REFUGEE BEFORE AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF RADU.BEAUDRY

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